

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear violation of FCC rules, Federal Election rules and fair play for an organization that is privileged to use the public airwaves.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is not in my interest to have a media conglomerate broadcast partisan electioneering pap two weeks before a national election. This simply confirms in my mind that the FCC is not protecting the public trust in broadcast licensing. It is also an example of the deteriorating integrity in the broadcast medium. We get more of what's good for the corporate bottom line and less of what we need for our community and democracy.

As a business owner, I encourage the FCC to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Sinclair's intended violation of the rule and spirit of the public license is a clear example of why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.